

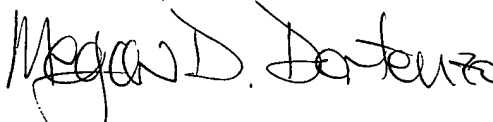
IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-22, 29-33, 40-55, 62-81, 88-107, 114-128, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 23-28, 34-39, 56-61, 82-87, 108-113 are pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment. This amendment is made for the sole purpose of economizing on USPTO filing fees, and is in no way related to patentability of the canceled or pending claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration of the claims presented above is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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